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**DEVICE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST VOLTAGE SURGES WITH
PARALLEL SIMULTANEOUSLY TRIGGERED SPARK-GAPS**

(Title of the invention)

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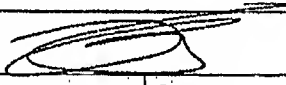
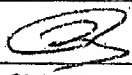
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